

Remarks/Arguments:

Objections to the Abstract

The abstract of the disclosure was objected to as including the term means. Applicant respectfully submits that the abstract as amended addresses the examiner's concerns. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this objection.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 19, 21-25 and 29-32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims as amended addresses the examiner's concern. It is respectfully submitted that each rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is now moot.

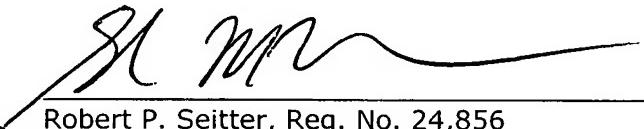
Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 22-24 and 26-29 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but are indicated as allowable if rewritten independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims and to address the objections and section 112 rejections. The limitations of allowable claim 22 are incorporated into independent claim 18. The limitations of independent claim 18 are incorporated into each of the allowable claims 21-24 and 26-29. Each of the remaining claims ultimately depends from one of the independent claims.

It is respectfully submitted that each of the pending claims is in condition for allowance. Early reconsideration and allowance of each of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

If the examiner believes an interview, either personal or telephonic, will advance the prosecution of this application, it is respectfully requested that the examiner contact the undersigned to arrange the same.

Respectfully submitted,



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